

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 MICHAEL RINALDI, 1:10-cv-101 (HC)  
12 Petitioner,  
13 v.  
14 ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
H.A. RIOS, JR.,  
Respondent.

Petitioner is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

On January 19, 2010, Petitioner, who is currently incarcerated at Atwater U.S. Penitentiary, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. However, Petitioner was convicted in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Federal courts have authority to grant writs of habeas corpus "within their respective jurisdictions." 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The court issuing the writ must have personal jurisdiction over the custodian. See, Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484, 495, 93 S.Ct. 1123, 35 L.Ed.2d 443 (1973); Malone V. Calderon, 165 F.3d 1234 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999); Subias v. Meese, 835 F.2d 1288, 1289 (9th Cir.1987). Without such jurisdiction, the Court has no authority to direct the actions of the restraining authority. See, Malone, 165 F.3d at 1237. In the interests of justice, a federal court may

1 transfer a case filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v.  
2 McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

3 The Petitioner in the instant case is not incarcerated at a facility within this Court's  
4 jurisdiction. Accordingly, in the interests of justice, the Court HEREBY ORDERS the instant action  
5 be transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: February 4, 2010

/s/ Dennis L. Beck  
10 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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